

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1 has been amended to recite a composition comprising (i) iodopropynyl butylcarbamate and (ii) dehydroacetic acid or a salt thereof, and/or salicylic acid or a salt thereof. This amendment introduces the limitations of claims 17 and 23, which the Examiner indicated were allowable. Claims 7, 16, and 28-37 have been amended consistent with the amendments to claim 1. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claims 2- 6, 8-15, and 17-23, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to seek allowance of these claims in a continuation application.

Claims 42 - 49 have been added. These claims all depend from claims 1 or 38-40. Support for these claims can be found in the claims, page 3, lines 3-5, and page 9, lines 5 - 20 of the application as filed.

Acknowledgement of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the finding that claims 38 - 40 are allowed, and that claims 17 and 23 are allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 17 and 23.

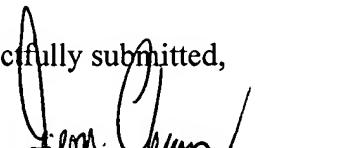
Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§§ 112, Second Paragraph, 102 and 103

Without acknowledging the correctness of the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that the outstanding rejections are moot in view of the amended claims.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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